

## GOD'S OTHER NATION

**Genesis 12:1-3; 46:27; Joshua 3:1-7; Psalm 33:12; Isaiah 60:12**

**Introduction:** It is well known that Israel, the Jews, are God chosen, special people and that His purpose for them was to worship Him and none other and to be a witness, a light to all the world about Him. Also well know is their failure at both purposes. Israel became idol worshippers and never became "missionary" minded about their faith. Thus God scattered them across the world. However God raised up another nation to do what His first nation failed to do and that nation is a nation of Gentiles, the nation of America.

### I. GOD'S FIRST NATION, ISRAEL

1. **Genesis 12:1-3.** God started with a single man, Abraham and a promise to him that from him would come a great nation numbering as the stars in the sky and the sand on the sea shore, and that He would give to that nation their own land.
2. **Genesis 46:27.** Jacob went into Egypt with 70 souls and some 430 years later they number over a million. Moses led those million people into the wilderness to be organized into a nation and to learn about the God who had brought them there.
3. **Joshua 3:17.** Joshua led God's people into the land promised hundreds of years before to Abraham.
  - After a few years they wanted a king of their own instead of God.
  - Kings came and went, leading the people away from God and then back to God.
  - God's laws were broken, non-believers brought in, idols set up.
  - God sent prophets with warnings, then punishments.
  - The people repented, God forgave and the nation was restored.
  - Israel became the greatest nation on earth (David and Solomon) and people from all over the world came to see this great nation.
  - God sent His own Son to bring a new agreement to Israel but they rejected Him, even killed Him.
  - God then turned to the Gentiles and established His Church and scattered Israel in 70 A.D.

### II. GOD'S OTHER NATION, AMERICA

1. God determined to build another nation to be His light to the world and in 1620 A.D., some 1550 years after scattering Israel, a group of people from England under God's inspiration and leadership wrote and did the following:

**"In the Name of God almighty, we whose names are underwritten...having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian Faith...a voyage to plant the first colony in Northern Virginia, do by these present, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one another covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick..."**

2. Some 156 years later another group of people of this new nation penned the words that were entitled "The Declaration of Independence" and included in that declaration their belief in God and His supernatural powers, and in absolute truth which they called inalienable rights of self evident truths.
3. Through the years God brought people from all over the world to live in His new nation so that it would reflect His great love for all mankind and assigned to His new nation the responsibility of being a gospel light to the rest of the world.
4. God has indeed blessed the rest of the world through this nation and by just reflecting through world history one can see where America has been involved in aiding and helping struggling countries, in wars and in peace. Name it, American has helped it in.
5. God has always demanded first place in every believer's heart as in His nation as well. His laws must be obeyed and as with Israel, so it is with any other chosen nation of people.

### **III. WHEN GOD'S NATIONS FAIL TO OBEY, GOD SENDS WARNINGS**

1. God sent warnings to wandering Israel and when ignored, God sent punishments but when repentance and obedience returned, God restored and blessed.
2. God's other nation, America, has for many years been going away from Him, leaving it's founder and supporter and protector, breaking His laws, becoming prideful, immoral and murderous, to name a few deadly wrongs.
3. God's very houses of worship and spiritual leaders have failed to give warning and have even joined in the nation's rebellious ways by leaving their "first love." God has had no choice but to send a warning.
4. On September 11, 2001 God removed His protective hand from around His Gentile Nation, America, for just a moment and allowed hurt to come.
5. God is patient in dealing with sin and disobedience, not willing that any should perish, but there comes a time when God will allow and even bring things into the lives of His children to get their attention and call them back to Him in repentance.
6. God is forgiving and if America, God's Gentile Other Nation, will once again humble itself and seek God's face and turn from it's wicked ways, God will heal the land and restore the nation to even greater greatness.
7. If, however, America blinks at the warning God has sent and continues on as it has, then God may very well remove His protective hand for good and allow the nation to go on it's evil ways and suffer the consequences.

## CONCLUSION:

1. God, heaven and all the nations on this earth are watching this nation. What will it do? Satan and the heathen nations of the world hope America will react as they would. God wants this nation to react in humility and repentance.
2. America is a chosen nation. Chosen and built by God for a specific purpose and that is to be a gospel light to the rest of the world- to draw all men to Christ and to be an example of a Godly nation.
3. As convicted Israel and the Philippian jailer cried, "***Men, brothers, what must we do to be saved?***" So must America cry. The answer is the same: "***...repent and believe in Jesus Christ...***"
4. God's churches throughout America should be filled every worship hour with weeping and praying for this nation by all those called by His Name - Christians.
5. "***If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land.***" (2 Chronicles 7:14)
6. As America celebrates it's birth on July 4th, may it remember that it was started by God for the purpose of telling the world about Him. Let this nation remember what the real reason to celebrate is all about. May this nation return to it's creator, Almighty God.